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SUBJECT: PROPOSED US-USSR SOCCER MATCH

1. FOLLOWING IS PASSED EMBASSY FOR YOUR INFORMATION. MR. JOSEPH COGGINS, HEAD OF "ANGELA PRODUCTIONS", HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THAT HE IS TRYING TO BRING A SOVIET SOCCER TEAM TO THE US THIS SUMMER FOR AN EXHIBITION ON JULY 4, 1978 AT THE GIANTS' STADIUM IN EAST RUTHERFORD, NEW JERSEY. THIS WOULD BE A PRIVATE COMMERCIAL VENTURE, ALTHOUGH THE NEW JERSEY SOCCER ASSOCIATION HAS AGREED TO HELP SPONSOR THE MATCH.

2. COGGINS IS CURRENTLY WORKING THROUGH SATRA TO ARRANGE THIS VISIT WITH NO SOVIET RESPONSE THUS FAR. COGGINS OR A SATRA REPRESENTATIVE MAY TRAVEL TO MOSCOW SOMETIME IN MAY TO DISCUSS THIS PROPOSAL WITH PAVLOV OF THE SPORTS COMMITTEE. SHOULD DEPARTMENT LEARN OF FURTHER DETAILS THIS EFFORT, WE WILL INFORM EMBASSY.
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